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The President's Message

The final event of our Alumni Association Year will be the Annual Luncheon Meeting of the Alumni to be held during the State Bar Convention in Monterey, California, on Wednesday, September 27, 1961. We were very fortunate to secure the Dining Room of the Mark Thomas Inn for our luncheon. A record turn-out is expected. The program will include the annual election of Board of Governors and the announcement of the selection of the Hastings' Alumnus of the Year. Our guest speaker will be Governor Edmund "Pat" Brown.

Amendments to the By-Laws to create Honorary and Sustaining Memberships, and to provide for three trustees to administer the "Life Membership Fund," will be voted upon at this meeting. To conserve time for the luncheon program, we are printing in full the text of the proposed amendment. The amendment would delete Article I, entitled "Election and Classes of Members" and Paragraph 3 of Article II entitled "Special Members," and substitute a new Article I.

As we near the end of my term, I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you and to the Board of Governors for the privilege of serving as President of your Association during the past year. It was a pleasurable and rewarding experience. See you in Monterey!

Cordially yours,

INGEMAR E. HOBERG

A Reminder to Attend

Hastings Alumni Annual Meeting and Luncheon
September 27 – Mark Thomas Inn

Ladies Invited

12:10 P.M.

Thomson J. Hudson, '49, *Chairman*

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Editorial

That time is here again. Wednesday, September 27 is the day; the Mark Thomas Inn, Monterey, is the place; high noon is the time. The reason is our Annual Meeting.

Do not miss this important event. Announcement of the Alumnus of the Year award will be made. You will vote for your new Board of Governors. Outgoing President Hoberg will report on progress of the Association during his term of office.

Make a date with your classmates and fellow alumni—Wednesday, September 27, at State Bar Convention in Monterey.

Dean's Message To The First-Year Class Of 1961-62

This is the month in which California's oldest law school begins its 84th year. The First-Year class is larger than any other since that of 1949-50. Hastings College of the Law is again the largest Western law school of which the American Bar Association approves.

No qualified applicant has been turned away for lack of space. Notice must, however, be taken of the fact that the College grades of many of our new students were barely sufficient to qualify them for the degree of Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science. That they will have to dedicate themselves to the study of law, and to very little else during the academic year 1961-62, must be taken for granted.

We admitted 353 first-year students to the College in 1960. Of the 286 who took final examinations in May and June, 1961, 91 (or 32%) failed. There is a warning in those statistics, which should be heeded by every student who is about to undertake the study of law.

No one who devotes more than four hours a day to outside work is likely to succeed as a law student. Only those with exceptional ability can afford to devote less than 40 hours a week to study, in addition to attending classes with regularity.

We have a shortage of lawyers in California, which in the post-war years has increased, rather than diminished. Jobs are plentiful, and many of them are going begging for want of qualified applicants. A bright future awaits the law student who is willing to apply himself to his work, and to continue to do so, unremittingly, until the Bar Examination is behind him.

I join with the other members of the Hastings Faculty, in hoping that you will do what is necessary to achieve your goal.

Faithfully yours,
DAVID E. SNODGRASS, *Dean*

Proposed Article I

Article I—Election and Classes of Membership.

1. *Regular Membership.* Each graduate of Hastings shall become a regular member of the Association upon graduation and dues shall not become payable until one year after graduation. Former students may become members of the Association upon payment of the annual dues.

2. *Life Membership.* Any member of the Association may become a life member of the Association with all membership privileges upon written notice and payment to the Treasurer of such sum as may be fixed by the Board of Governors.

3. *Sustaining Membership.* Any member of the Association may become a sustaining member of the Association with all membership privileges upon written notice and payment to the Treasurer of such yearly sum as may be fixed by the Board of Governors.

4. *Honorary Membership.* The Board of Governors for good cause may elect any person to honorary membership in the Association. Such members shall not be required to pay dues or fees and shall be entitled to such rights and privileges as the Board of Governors shall declare, except that said members shall not be entitled to vote.

5. *Trust Fund.* The payments fixed in this Article for life and sustaining memberships, less an amount equal to the Association's annual membership dues, shall be held and administered, in trust, as follows:

Said funds shall be held in trust by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Board of Governors, to hold office at the pleasure of said Board. The Board of Trustees shall hold, administer and distribute said funds for such uses and purposes as shall, in their judgment, further the welfare of Hastings College of the Law, directly or incidentally, and to said end, shall make such disbursements from the principal and income of the funds so held in trust as they shall deem appropriate. The Board of Trustees shall at all times have the power, subject to its fiduciary obligations hereunder, to do all acts, take all proceedings and exercise all rights and privileges as may be done, taken or exercised by an absolute owner of property.

The purposes for which the Board of Trustees may apply the funds so received and held hereunder shall include, but shall not be limited to, the awarding of academic scholarships and student loans for study at Hastings College of the Law, the creation of endowed professorships at Hastings College of the Law, contribution of funds toward payment of faculty salaries in general at Hastings College of the Law, and the maintenance and improvement of the building and other physical facilities of Hastings College of the Law.

To the extent of the available income from said trust, there shall be paid annually therefrom to the Treasurer of the Association for each life and sustaining member an amount equal to the regular membership dues.

NEWS NOTES

Bernard J. Allard, '61, is associated with Miles, Sears and Franson, a Fresno law firm of which Donald R. Franson, '51, is a member.

Bruce M. Bell, '60, is associated with Wagoner, Brailsford, Jewett and Lynch. The firm's offices are in the Bank of America Building, Oakland, and at 2220 Peralta Avenue, Fremont.

Charles R. Best, Jr., '60, is associated with Albert G. Evans, '32, San Francisco Attorney. Their offices are at 111 Sutter Street.

Allen L. Chickering, '33, San Francisco lawyer and Western Regional Chairman of USO, received a special Americanism award at the 1961 Annual banquet of the China-Burma-India Veterans Association. A member of USO's Board of Governors, he directs the organization's activities in five Western States.

1st Lt. Michael H. Clepper, '60, is a Judge Advocate in the U. S. Air Force. His address is Box 122, Hq. 341st Combat Support Group, Malmstrom A. F. B., Montana.

Maynard C. Craig, '59, who for 18 months had done "an outstanding job" in the office of Butte County District Attorney C. Keith Lyde, '49, has become a junior law partner of Robert E. Laughlin, '46, prominent member of the Chico bar.

Percy J. Creede, '33, is Attorney for the Bureau of Delinquent Revenue, in the office of San Francisco's Tax Collector. His office is in the City Hall, Room 107.

Donald W. Curran, '58, has become a member of the thriving Alameda County law firm of Wagoner, Brailsford, Jewett and Lynch. U. S. Commissioner Harold W. Jewett, x-'50, is one of his partners.

Kenneth W. DeVaney, '61, has been named as Managing Director of the California Broadcasters Association, with headquarters in Sacramento.

Howard Dickenson, Jr., '50, Napa lawyer, has been appointed as Inheritance Tax Appraiser for Napa County.

Henry A. Dietz, '33, San Diego County Counsel, is again a Professor of Administrative Law, this time at the School of Law of the University of San Diego.

Frank Duncan, '54, Los Angeles attorney, recently married his law partner, Mrs. Elinor Chandler Katz.

William N. Dunseath, '50, formerly Chief Deputy Attorney General of Nevada, is associated with the Reno law firm of Pike and McLaughlin.

William M. Gallagher, '49, former Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Sacramento, has been named by Governor Brown as a member of the City's Municipal Court.

Henry L. Glasser, '59, is associated with the San Francisco law firm of Bancroft, Avery and McAllister, at 240 Stockton Street. James R. Bancroft, '49, and James H. McAllister, '52, are members of the firm.

Franklin Ogden Grady, '56, has opened offices for the practice of law, at 726 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa and at 625 Market Street, San Francisco.

Robert Miller Green, '32, former Supervisor and Legislator in San Francisco, has opened offices for the general practice of law at 6058 Whittier Boulevard, Los Angeles. He has been a Southern Californian since 1947.

Emmet F. Hagerty, '40, has formed a law partnership with Edward O'Haire. Their offices are at 995 Market Street, San Francisco.

Robert S. Kelly, '60, is Law Clerk to Justice Mathew O. Tobriner, of the First District Court of Appeal.

Robert C. Lamborn, '58, now specializing in insurance defense work, is associated with the Oakland law firm of Cresswell, Davis and Church. Their offices are at 270 Grand Avenue.

Ben F. LaMar, Jr., '59, has announced the opening of offices for the general practice of law at 2024 Broadway, Redwood City.

Raymond L. Hanson, '36, and Thomas M. Jenkins, '49, have brought to completion "The Sequoias," a \$6,000,000 Presbyterian-sponsored retirement community in Portola Valley, near Palo Alto. Both men are partners in the well-known San Francisco law firm of Schofield, Hanson, Bridgett, Marcus and Jenkins. Hanson recently was elected as President of the Board of Trustees of Presbyterian Medical Center.

Elliott Leighton, '60, has announced the opening of offices for the general practice of law in the Jack Tar Building, at 1255 Post Street, San Francisco.

Herbert L. Lindsley, Jr., '50, Assistant County Counsel of Monterey County and former District Attorney of Santa Cruz County, died in Fort Miley Hospital on July 8, 1961.

William H. Low, '49, who has spent more than eleven years in the office of San Diego's District Attorney, became its Chief Deputy D.A. on July 6, 1961.

John E. McDonald, '51, of Santa Rosa, has been elected as President of the Sonoma County Bar Association for the year 1961-62.

Willard W. McEwen, Jr., '60, has been appointed to the position of Deputy City Attorney of Santa Barbara.

Thomas McInerney, '52, and John F. Van de Poel, '52, are associates of the new Oakland law firm of Berry, Davis, Channel and McNamara. Their offices are in the Financial Center Building.

George E. McKernon, x-'54, has been appointed by Attorney General Stanley Mosk as Office Manager of the San Francisco office of the State Department of Justice.

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James E. Pardee, '48, has resigned as District Attorney of Lassen County and now holds the office of Lassen County County Counsel. He has opened an office for the general practice of law at 606 Main Street, Susanville.

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Denver C. Peckinpah, '40, Fresno attorney, has been appointed for a two-year term on the State Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Board.

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Blaine Pettitt, '41, Stephen M. Blumberg and Morris M. Sherr, '56, have announced the formation of a law partnership, with offices at 2605 Merced Street, Fresno.

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Miles N. Pike, '28, has resigned from membership in the Supreme Court of Nevada, in order to return to private practice. The new law firm of Pike and McLaughlin has offices in the First National Bank Building, at 15 East First Street, Reno.

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Waldo F. Postel, Jr., '49, has resigned from the Public Defender's Office and is now engaged in the practice of law at 1095 Market Street, San Francisco.

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F. W. Powell, x-'28, who had practiced law at La Mesa for more than 20 years, became Vicar of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, at San Jacinto, on September 1, 1961.

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Lt. Colonel George S. Prugh, '48, until recently Army Staff Judge Advocate at the Presidio of San Francisco, has been transferred to the U.S. Army War College, at Carlisle, Pa. In a class of 100 officers, he is one of two lawyers who have been selected for the one-year course.

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S. Jerome Sapiro, '39, is one of 271 graduates of the U. S. Army's Command and General Staff School, at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, who completed the five-year course in 1961. He now holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, USAR.

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Richard S. Simmons, '60, formerly Research Assistant to the Third District Court of Appeal, is associated with James B. Thompson, '52. Their law offices are 3382 El Camino Real, Sacramento.

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Peter G. Stone, '61, is Law Clerk to U. S. District Judge Oliver J. Carter, '35. His office is in the Post Office Building, San Francisco.

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Philip K. Sweigert, '61, is associated with the law firm of Kindel and Anderson and attached to its Los Angeles office, at 510 South Spring Street. Donald H. Albrecht, '56, is a member of the firm; Robert E. Carlson, '58, and James K. Knapp, '61, of the Santa Ana office, are associates.

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Thomas N. Trotta, '53, is an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Oregon, assigned to the Department of Labor. His office is at 1216 S. W. Hall Street, Portland.

Class of '48 Collaborates on New Juvenile Court Law

The 1961 Legislature adopted the first major revision of California's Juvenile Court Law in 45 years.

Senator Stanley Arnold, '48, was the principal author. He was aided by Senator Alan Short, '48, as co-author.

The new Juvenile Law is a product of three years of intensive study by the Governor's Special Study Commission on Juvenile Justice under the direction of John A. Pettis, Jr., '48, Project Director.

Experience Put to Use

The fallacy that a man becomes less valuable to society after he passes a certain age has been effectively jolted by the Hastings College of Law in San Francisco. This distinguished institution has been recruiting its faculty from among leading legal scholars who have been forced out of their professorships by compulsory age limits. The latest additions to the faculty were 68 and 70 years of age, making the average age of the teaching staff 73.5 years.

These professors have spent most of their lives absorbing knowledge and obtaining an understanding of human nature available only through experience. They often can present first-hand accounts of important matters that their younger colleagues elsewhere must refer to in print. It would be a shame to drain off this huge reservoir of experience into arid fields of undesired retirement.

The Hastings dean, himself 66, says that the college's program has provided a "dream" of a faculty and he has found that for individuals there is no necessary relation between mental and physical age and chronological age. Leaders of industry and government might wisely study the benefits of a program such as this, for arbitrary retirement standards could be causing huge losses to the nation in knowledge, skill and understanding.

—The New York Times, Jan. 9, 1961.

Life Begins at Forty:

College Greets Retired Profs

By ROBERT PETERSON

The other day I sat next to David E. Snodgrass at a luncheon. This wiry, alert legal-beagle has proved more dramatically than anyone else that you can pluck men from the wastelands of retirement and use them in building a top-notch college faculty.

He's the dean of San Francisco's famed Hastings College of the Law—the only school of academic standing in the world which is entirely staffed by professors past 65 years of age.

The college was established as an arm of the University of California through a private grant. But because of its autonomous nature it was not included in the mandatory retirement plan affecting the rest of the University.

For years, Californians in academic circles felt sorry for the staff at poor little Hastings because they couldn't participate in the University's retirement system. But Snodgrass turned this apparent weakness into a monumental strength.

When he took over as dean in 1940 the school was in poor shape with an undistinguished faculty and few students. That's when his great idea struck.

"Why not," he mused, "recruit for the faculty eminent law professors who have been forced to retire from other universities?"

So he launched his iron-clad policy of hiring no one under 65. And the wisdom of this course is proved by the fact that Hastings today is the largest law school west of Chicago. And its faculty of 14 professors—all past 65 and averaging 74 years of age—is considered by many to be the strongest law faculty in the nation.

"Too many people," he told me, "think all men are alike at 65—and that none of them is any good. Look around and you'll note that industries and universities are still stupidly forcing an unwanted retirement on competent employees who reach 65.

"Yet a quick look at the international scene discloses that most of the world's great leaders are along in years—Adenauer, 85, DeGaulle, 70, Macmillan, 66, Baruch, 90, Hoover, 86, Rayburn, 79, and Khrushchev, 66.

"Wouldn't you hate to think what would happen if all these elders took out after Mr. Kennedy?"

"We may smile at Kennedy's youthfulness at 44," he said, "but he's really an old man in the eyes of many personnel directors. If he were an unknown person applying for work today he'd be considered too old to qualify for a job in many of America's best known firms."

Snodgrass related that a few weeks ago he had come upon an old dictionary and looked up the word uranium. It was defined as a worthless white metal not found in the United States.

"This," he concluded, "is an excellent example of the gaps in our knowledge at any point in history. Today retired people are considered as worthless as was uranium a few decades ago. But through knowledge and intellectual growth we will eventually recognize old age as a vast new source of human productivity."

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